

Thought for the week:

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent."

- Marilyn Vos Savant

## Newsletter by Email

Thank you to those of you who signed up to receive **TISNews** by email. It seems from the numerous email replies that this service is appreciated by many parents and friends of the school. A few email addresses gave problems with bounced messages. If you have signed up for the email version of **TISNews** but did not receive your copy please email [tis@online.net.pg](mailto:tis@online.net.pg) and we will try again.

## Parent Consultative Group

Parents are an integral part of the school community and it is important that we fully understand what expectations parents have of the school. To assist in this process we are aiming to establish a Parent Consultative Group (PCG). This body will be broadly similar to the Student School Council which gives students a voice in a range of aspects of school life.

Parents already have representation on the School Board and also have a voice through the Parents and Wontoks Association. However, these organizations do not always provide an ideal opportunity for parents to discuss and share their opinions and questions about the school.

The aim of the PCG is to provide parents with an opportunity to discuss areas of interest or concern regarding their child's education and life at Tabubil International School.

It is proposed that the PCG will consist of two parents elected from each class in the school, as well as the School Principal, Deputy Principal and a representative from the School Board. More details of the election procedures will follow in due course.

Any comments on this proposal will be greatly appreciated.

*Neal Mather*

## Home Reading Notes

**Children become readers when their parents read to them.**

It really is as simple as that. And here's the good news: It's easy to do and it's great fun. With a little practice you will be making the memories of a lifetime, memories both you and your child will cherish.

It is best to read to your child early and often. But it's never too late to begin.

Start today. Although the following activities are designed to enhance reading aloud with preschoolers and beginning readers,...

**... a child is never too old to be read to.**

With youngsters, remember that reading is a physical act, as well as a mental one. It involves hand-eye coordination. So, when you read, involve your child by:

- pointing out objects in the pictures;
- following the words with your finger (so your child develops a sense that the words go from left to right on the page); and
- having your child help turn the pages (to learn that the pages turn from right to left).

## Curriculum Corner

Last week we brought you the first of the IEA "key outcomes" which we try to develop in all our students. The second of these is that each child will...

*... communicate effectively*

*One who confidently conveys and receives information, instruction, ideas and feelings appropriately and effectively in a range of different cultural, language and social contexts.*

## Helping your Child with Homework

Carefully prepared and completed homework can have a significant value in a child's education however, it is important to avoid it becoming stressful for students or parents.

Homework can be an area of concern to parents, students and teachers and probably causes more worry than any other area of school life.

The most commonly asked questions relating to homework are -

- q Why does my child get so little homework?
- q Why does my child get so much homework?
- q Why is my child's homework so easy?
- q Why is my child's homework so difficult?

As it can be seen, from the conflicting nature of the questions asked by parents that striking the right balance when setting homework can be difficult.

To try to explain our approach to homework at TIS the following pointers may be helpful.

### Homework is...

- q A follow-up activity for pupils to undertake at home.
- q Related to skills or topics already covered in class.
- q Intended to keep parents informed of the kind of work their child is currently doing in class.
- q A help for children to develop good study habits.
- q Meant to be shared with parents.

### Homework is not...

- q A substitute for schoolwork, rather it supplements and extends schoolwork.
- q Intended to take up hours of a pupil's out of school time.
- q A means for keeping children busy at home.

## MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

MOVIE - THE INCREDIBLES

TIME - 6.00PM TO APPROX 8PM

COST - K2.00 PER PERSON

TREATS: - ICE-CREAM K2.00 EACH